

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1291 - HB 1270

March 14, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Eliminates the career ladder payment supplement program from Title 49, Chapter 5, Parts 50 through 55, of Tennessee Code Annotated. Requires the State Board of Education to develop guidelines, criteria, and administrative rules to ensure the current career ladder supplements are paid to eligible recipients as long as they remain in positions that qualify for such supplements. Eliminates an exception in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-5-512(d), that states directors of schools are not to be held liable when performing their duties in prosecuting a teacher, as it relates to disciplinary suspension lasting for three days or less. Removes truancy as a good and sufficient reason for suspension pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3401(a)(1). Requires all funding of a local education agency to be placed in a dedicated education fund and requires an affirmative majority vote by a local board of education in order to disburse such funding. Requires that an out-of-district student must be enrolled for one year in the system to which they transfer. Requires local boards of education to establish a date by which the parent, guardian, or student, as appropriate, shall receive an eligibility notice for re-enrollment for such students.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Career Ladder Program is currently being phased out. No fiscal impact on state or local expenditures.
- The State Board of Education will promulgate rules and regulations to provide for continuation of career ladder payments within the normal course of business. No fiscal impact on state government for additional rulemaking.
- Any increase in local expenditures as a result of providing re-enrollment notices to out-of-district students is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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